Change of labour laws

1811. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating to change the age old labour laws in consultation with the labour organizations, industry sector and trade unions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by when the draft amended labour laws would be prepared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (d) Review/updation of labour laws is a continuous process in order to bring them in tune with the emerging needs of the economy. The required changes in the labour laws are accomplished by the Government after detailed consultation with the social partners with a view to harmonize the interests of all stake holders. Accordingly, Bills to amend Acts like the Factories Act, 1948, the Labour Laws (Exemption from Furnishing Returns and Maintaining Registers by Certain Establishments) Act, 1988, the Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948, the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923 and the Plantations Labour Act, 1951 have been introduced in the Parliament.

Details of Provident Funds dues called by Ahmedabad office

1812. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Assistant Provident Fund Commissioner of Ahmedabad Office has called for certain details *vide* his letter dated 26.7.2006 in the matter concerning Provident fund dues in respect of M/s Ramdev Majoor Kamdar Sahkari Mandali Ltd. (GJ/24787);

(b) if so, whether the information has been received from the General Manager (WSS) ONGC, Chandkheda, Ahmedabad; and

(c) what further actions has been taken by the PF Commissioner for recovery of the PF dues in the above case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Assistant Provident Fund Commissioner, Ahmedabad had sought information from ONGC, the principal employer in respect of M/s Ramdev Majoor Kamdar Sahkari Mandali Ltd. regarding remittances of dues determined under section 7A of Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 *vide* order dated 25.05.2006.

The ONGC has filed a review application under section 7B of the Act against the above mentioned letter *vide* their application dated 23.08.2006.

(c) Recovery action under section 8 of the Act has been initiated.